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**FROM THE HONORABLE PRESIDENT BLAIR.**

WMSBURGH May 3d. 1758

SIR,—Col. Taylor, Col. Lee & Col. Geo. Mason have strongly recommend to me Mr. French Mason,<sup>1</sup> the Bearer, for an Ensign's Commission in your Regiment, which the late Promotions they hope will make room for, after your Volunteers. They assure me he is a young fellow of Integrity & Spirit, & has a small Fortune that might well support him in no despicable way; so it is not necessity, but a Zeal for his Country's Cause, draws him into the Field, where they are confident he will behave so as to merit approbation.

I told them I had yesterday by Jenkins sent you Six blank Commissions for that purpose, which you had promised to fill up wth. a just regard to justice & the Rules of War; but as I hear you have only two Volunteers to provide, I should be glad if you could find room for this hopefull young man so powerfully recommended. I am Sir Your most obedt. hble Servt.

JOHN BLAIR

1 Probably the son of George Mason's uncle of the same name.—MISS ROWLAND.